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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS

REFS: (A) ANKARA 4655, (B) NATO 6359, (C) STATE 147522,
(D) SECDEF 5989, (E) ANKARA 1408

1. SPECIFIC PLANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED FOR VISIT
TO TURKEY BY DOD DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS IN FOLLOW-UP TO
US COMMITMENT TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF CO-PRODUCTION
ENTERPRIZES. YOU MAY INFORM GOT THAT WE DO NOT PLAN SUCH
A VISIT UNTIL AFTER CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION
OF TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO RESTRICTIONS ARE COMPLETED. WE ARE
CONCERNED THAT OUR PURSUIT OF THIS QUESTION BEFORE THEN
MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD HERE AND THUS BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR
LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES. WE WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH AD-
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VANCE NOTICE WHENEVER VISIT IS CONTEMPLATED.

2. FOR ATHENS: AS A MATTER OF ECONOMY, FOREIGN TRIPS BY
DOD DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS USUALLY INCLUDE VISITS TO
MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY IN THE SAME REGION. UNDER NORMAL
CIRCUMSTANCES A VISIT TO TURKEY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
VISIT TO GREECE. WE WOULD, THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS

ON WHETHER IN THIS CASE A PARALLEL VISIT TO GREECE WOULD
OR WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR DESIRE TO MAIN-
TAIN CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH COUNTRIES.

SUBJECT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GREEKS AT
THIS TIME. VANCE

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